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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed September 6, 2005, by a third party requesting a copy of the above-identified reissue application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Petitioner was understandably frustrated with his recounted unsuccessful efforts to obtain a copy of the instant application, and sought an extraordinary remedy to obtain a copy immediately. Petitioner is presumed to be aware that this application exists only as an electronic file known as an Image File Wrapper (IFW), and that there is no physical, paper file that can be located or transported anywhere in the USPTO for copying purposes.

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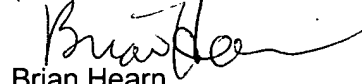
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On a one-time basis a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to third party petitioner. The USPTO will not undertake dual correspondence.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3217/



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